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Col. McDonnell Of the OSS Dies

Retired Army Col. Paul J. McDonnell, 82, a World War II intelligence officer who helped organize the Office of Strategic Services, died Saturday in Walter Reed General Hospital. He lived on Connecticut Ave. NW.

After retiring in 1947 Col. McDonnell was a member of the staff of the late Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois and drew up the first Civil Defense plan for the state. He was commandant of Porter Military Academy in Charleston from 1950 to 1953.

Col. McDonnell, a native of Philadelphia, attended the University of Pennsylvania before joining the Pennsylvania National Guard in 1914. He served in the Mexican border campaign and was commissioned in the Regular Army at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., in 1916.

WITH THE U.S. entry into World War II, Col. McDonnell was ordered to France with the 6th Division.

Later he was graduated from the Infantry School and Command and General Staff School. In the 1930s he served with the 2nd Infantry at Ft. Sheridan, Ill., and

commanded troops at the Chicago World's Fair.

He attended the Army War College in 1937 and 1938 and became a senior instructor for the Illinois National Guard.

During World War II he was the senior military aide to Gen. William Donovan and helped organize the OSS, a predecessor of the Central Intelligence Agency. Later he was the G-2 or military intelligence officer of the Eastern Defense Command.

AFTER THE war he served in China with the (Gen. George C.) Marshall mission and was decorated by Chiang Kai-shek.

Col. McDonnell was a member of the Army & Navy Club.

He leaves his wife, Marguerite, a daughter, Mrs. Marguerite Cathcart, two grandsons and a great-granddaughter.

Services will be held at 10:45 a.m. tomorrow in the Ft. Myer Chapel, with burial in Arlington Cemetery. The family suggests that expressions of sympathy be in the form of contributions to the Army Relief Society, Suite 940, 1120 Connecticut Ave. NW.